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SUBJECT: REPORTED NORTH KOREAN ATTENDANCE AT AMERICAN
POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION SEMINAR

1. MOFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR YU CALLED POLCOUNS CONCERN-
ING REPORT THAT NORTH KOREAN SCHOLAR PLANS TO ATTEND AMERICAN
POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION SEMINAR TO BE HELD AUG 31 -
SEP 3 IN NEW YORK. YU SAID ACCORDING TO ROK EMBASSY COUNSELOR
SHIN'S REPORT, DOS BLAKEMORE NOTED 1) QUESTION WOULD BE
DECIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH IMMIGRATION LAW; 2) NO APPLICATION
HAS BEEN MADE; AND 3) NO VISA HAS BEEN ISSUED. ACCORDING
TO SHIN'S REPORT, BLAKEMORE STATED MATTER WILL BE CONSIDERED
IF THE APPLICATION IS MADE. YU ALSO NOTED MOFA HAS HAD
SEVERAL PRESS QUESTIONS ON THIS MATTER FOLLOWING APPEARANCE
OF KYONGHYANG SINMUN ARTICLE.

2. KYONGHYANG SINMUN WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT PROMINENTLY
FORNTPAGED ARTICLE CAPTIONED "US TO EXAMINE DENTRY PERMIT FOR
NK SCHOLARS/REPORTERS". ARTICLE QUOTES "DOS": "IF A NORTH
KOREAN SCHOLAR, NEWSPAPER REPORTER, ETC. (DUNG) APPLIES FOR
A VISA AT THE INVITATION OF A US ACADEMIC OR RESEARCH
INSTITUTION, THEN DOS WILL EXAMINE SUCH AN APPLICATION
ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS." ARTICLE SAYS NORTH KOREAN
SCHOLAR EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
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SEMINAR, ADDING, "IF AND WHEN THIS NORTH KOREAN SCHOLAR
APPLIES, IT WILL BE NOTEWORTHY WHAT ACTION THE US
GOVERNMENT TAKES."

3. IN VIEW OF ROKG SENSITIVITY ON THIS ISSUE, REQUEST
DEPARTMENT ADVICE REGARDING ISSUANCE OF VISA IN
EVENT NORTH KOREAN APPLIES AND ADVISE EMBASSY.

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